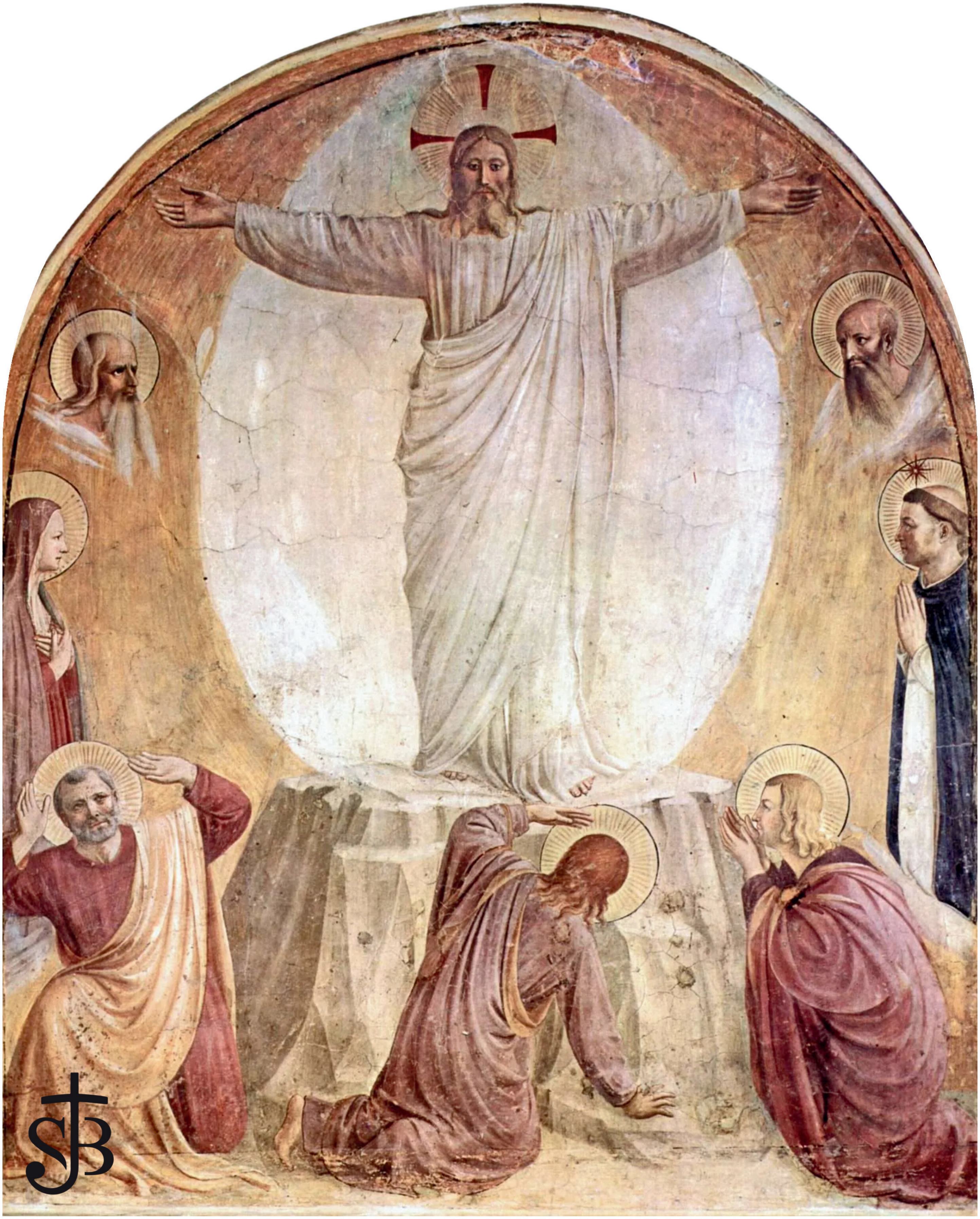

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MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | ARTIST: FRA ANGELICO

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord…" This advice and encouragement from Paul to Timothy is something that I have to keep in mind often. And this encouragement is not simply about sharing the Gospel, but really how a relationship with Jesus has impacted your life. It is not just about any testimony, but about your testimony. We can be tempted to shy away from sharing with others our own experience of God's grace and mercy because it is easy to see it as a high risk low reward action. It is high risk because if it is not received well it feels like a rejection of our very person, and low reward because anecdotal experience is undervalued in the post-modern worldview. This is one concrete example of how we are invited to reject the wisdom of this age, because it is not by sharing the faith as an abstract truth that changes hearts but in sharing faith that is personal and alive.

Morning of Mobilization: Last Saturday we had a fantastic turnout for our Morning of Mobilization and our staff is busy synthesizing all the action items and ideas that were shared there. One of the things we did was to split into groups to focus on action items to strengthen some of our current ministries and also to discern where the Lord in inviting us to grow and expand as a parish We are hopeful that the fruits of this effort will be apparent soon as we continue to intentionally live out our mission here at SJB.

Candidates and Catechumens: Also on Saturday, Candidates and Catechumens from our parish had Mass with Bishop Boyea for the Rite of Election ceremonies. This is the group that will be brought into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter, and is a part of the nearly 1,000 who will be received into the Church and/or receiving Sacraments of Initiation in the Diocese of Lansing. Please take some time this Lent to pray for all the Candidates and Catechumens, especially those here at SJB, so that they might receive manifest blessings during the final stages of their preparation to enter the Church.

Catechumens: Kigan Allen, Aaron Diachun, Hailey Hinds, Allison Nielson, Lazarus Przebienda

Candidates: Jennifer Butman, Suzy Francoeur, David Greening, Kevin Hickman, Savannah Teague, Joshua Zasadny

God Bless You, *Fr. Jack*

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

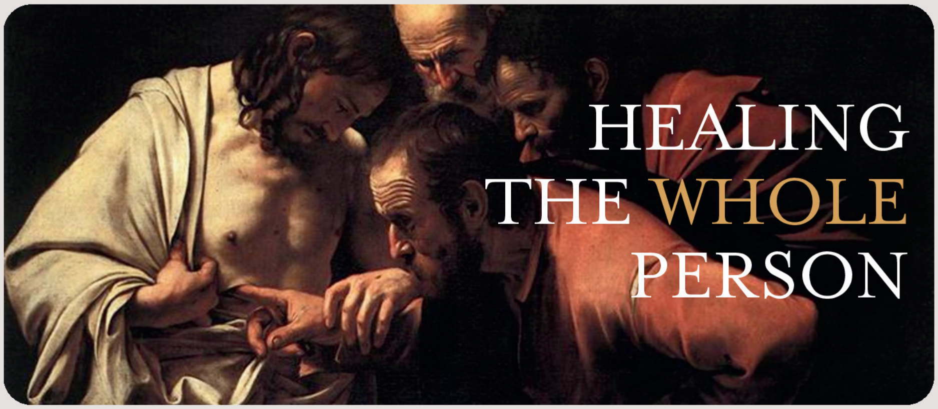
ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

Join Us This Spring!



Encounter the Risen Christ this Easter Season and receive His healing and new life!

WHAT IS IT:
Healing the Whole Person is an 8-week series from the *John Paul II Healing Center* that invites you to explore the human heart, the wounds we carry, and the healing Christ desires to bring. Through video teachings from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, you'll be guided in reflection and prayer to receive Christ's healing love in your life.

WHEN IS IT:
Tuesday Evenings, April 14 - June 2
7:00–9:00 PM

WHO'S IT FOR:
For anyone desiring wholeness, freedom and an encounter with a loving Creator. Those who have participated in previous sessions are very welcome to return and go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

SCAN TO REGISTER:

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"What we GIVE is what we have FROM the Lord" 1 Chronicles 29:14

Please scan the QR code or visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal to make a life-changing gift to DSA today!

SJ Beat

THIS WEEK

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

Join us for casual, faith-centered conversation over pints and a peck on Wednesday. This month, Michèle Green will speak on suffering, followed by Q&A.

MARCH ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH, 5PM TO SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

WORSHIP NIGHT
TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR ADORATION

Lent 2026

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT CTK - 9:40 AM
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 AT SJB - 9AM
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 AT ST. JOSEPH - 3PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross invite us to walk with Christ in His Passion—not as observers, but as companions. Join us this Lent as we pray them together as a parish community.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7PM

SJB LENTEN FASTING & PRAYER INTENTIONS

All parishioners are invited to sign up for one day of fasting and prayer during Lent for our Diocese and our parish.

Our Lenten intentions: the needs of Bishop Earl Boyea; vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese; the grace of deeper conversion for all at St. John the Baptist; and the advance of God's Kingdom in Ypsilanti.

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Equipping College Students, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, to Proclaim Jesus!

CLUB FAIRS

We have been activating a lot of boldness here in campus ministry to bring Jesus to college students. We recently had the opportunity to participate in two campus club fairs, one at Eastern Michigan University and one at Washtenaw Community College. Our time at WCC was especially exciting, as it was the first time we have ever hosted a table at their fair. At EMU, the event took on a new format as a RecWell Fest, designed to encourage students to prioritize all aspects of their wellness. As the Catholic campus ministry, we were part of the spiritual wellness category and were blessed to meet many new students. We were especially encouraged by the openness and curiosity we encountered, and we are grateful for the many conversations and connections made during these events.

GET CONNECTED!

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STUDENT MINISTRY PROJECT

Some of our students are currently attending the Encounter School of Ministry in Brighton, MI, and as part of their second-year formation, they organized and led a ministry project at Eastern Michigan University. This project allowed them to put into practice what they have learned and go out in boldness to invite people to an event where they had to be totally dependent on Jesus. The evening included worship, a teaching on healing, and prayer teams available for anyone seeking physical healing or prayer for personal intentions. We are incredibly proud of their boldness in bringing their peers into an encounter with Jesus. We even received the joyful news that one student gave their life to Jesus for the first time. Praise God for all He is doing through our students!

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND ADORATION!

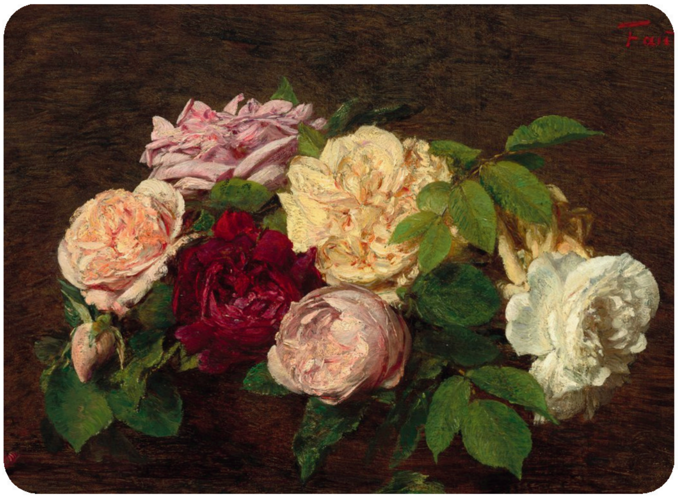
We Invite all high schoolers to join us for a time of fellowship, food and Adoration. This is an opportunity for high schoolers to come draw closer to the Lord while being surrounded by friends their age who are seeking a true relationship with Jesus. Hope to see you there!

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH
CONTACT JACOBG@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FAMILY POTLUCK & MOVIE AFTERNOON

Families are warmly invited to a community potluck and movie afternoon! Bring a dish to share, build friendships, and enjoy time together as we watch the story of a biblical hero brought to life on screen. Join us for both the potluck and movie or just the movie. Scan the QR code to watch the trailer and get excited!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
1:30 PM - POTLUCK
2:30 PM - SHOWING OF DAVID
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC



2026 ROSE MASS FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS

All Catholic healthcare professionals are invited to attend the 2026 Rose Mass, celebrated by Bishop Boyea, with a dinner reception to follow featuring remarks by Dr. Bob Collins on “Hope and Healing in the Modern Medical Center.” Come be inspired by Dr. Collins’ story as he reflects on his journey from an agnostic physician to embracing medicine as a vocation and a call to participate in God’s love.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
5PM MASS, DINNER TO FOLLOW
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, ANN ARBOR

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

PRAYER VIGIL TO END ABORTION

FEBRUARY 18TH - MARCH 29TH
7AM - 7PM DAILY
3100 Professional Drive, Ann Arbor

Scan the QR code to sign up for vigil hours or stop by as you are able.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

PRO-LIFE MASS, HOLY HOUR & EUCHARISITIC PROCESSION

Gather at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church for 9AM Mass, followed by exposition, a Eucharistic Procession to the U of M Diag returning to the church for Benediction.

REGISTER TODAY FOR 2026 PINE HILLS CAMP

Pine Hills is a week-long Catholic summer camp for rising seventh to ninth graders. This coming year will be our 40th summer of bringing youth together for a week of faith alive in the Spirit, authentic friendships, and outdoor adventure. Cost is $529 per camper. Scholarships available.

REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY
MARCH 1ST AT 3:00 PM
PINEHILLSCAMP.COM

BOYS CAMP JUNE 7-13
GIRLS CAMP AUGUST 2-8

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX
SURVEY

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

You're invited to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI)—a 10–15 minute survey that helps diocesan and parish leadership reflect on discipleship and identify key strengths and opportunities. Your feedback will help guide future planning and priorities so our parish and diocese can better support people in knowing, loving, and serving Christ. Thank you for taking the time to participate!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND
12:15 PM: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Sr. Kelly MacDonald

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD
6:00 PM: †Earl Coltson
Requested by Tina Tarrent

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Patrick Meyer
Requested by Eileen Meyer

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Henry Meyer
Requested by Eileen Meyer

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH
8:00 AM: Jonah Crowder
Requested by Eileen Meyer

5 PM: Intentions of Mike and Teresa Roose

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH
9:00 AM:† Rev. Howard Vogen
Requested by Lois LaPointe

11 AM: People of the Parish

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

CANDIDATE FOR THE ORDER OF DIACONATE

Paul Edward Keenan, from this parish is scheduled to be ordained on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing, for service to the Diocese of Lansing. Anyone knowing a serious reason which impedes his ordination should make this known to Rev. Michael Cassar, Director of Seminarians, Diocese of Lansing, 228 North Walnut, Lansing, MI 48933, no later than March 1, 2026.

St. Kahtarine Drexel

MARCH 3RD, 2026

Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858, to Hannah and Francis Drexel. Just five weeks after Katharine's birth, Hannah died, leaving Katharine and her older sister, Elizabeth, to be raised by their aunt and uncle for two years until Francis remarried. He married Emma Bouvier in 1860, and in 1863, they welcomed their third daughter, Louisa Drexel.

The Drexels were both financially and spiritually wealthy. The girls were educated by private tutors at home and had the great opportunity to travel throughout the United States and Europe. Though these privileges could have easily been a hindrance to living a charitable and devout life, Francis and Emma made sure that was not the case for their daughters. They were very faithful and set a good example of what living a Christian life looked like. With their financial privilege, they frequently practiced the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Every week, her parents opened their home to the poor and provided them with food, clothing, and monetary assistance.

This strong foundation of the Christian life prepared Katharine for her ultimate vocation to religious life. Their pastor, Rev. James O'Connor, a family friend and Katharine's spiritual director, helped her discern her calling to religious life. He strongly encouraged her to form a new order to help Indigenous peoples and African Americans, as she had a particular heart for them. Though Katharine was initially daunted by the idea, she became open to the idea, especially after visiting Pope Leo XIII. During her visit, she urged him to send more missionaries to staff the Native American mission that she financed with the inheritance she received after her father's death. Pope Leo's response to her was that Katharine herself was the missionary they needed.

In 1889, she entered religious life and joined the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh. After three years of formation, Katharine and fifteen other women founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and took their final vows. Their fourth vow was to serve Native Americans and African Americans, specifically to not "undertake any work which would lead to the neglect or abandonment of the Indian or Colored races."

Throughout the rest of her life, Katharine dedicated herself and her inheritance to the betterment of African Americans and Native Americans. She founded Xavier Preparatory High School in New Orleans in 1915. Ten years later, she founded Xavier University, which is America's only historically Black and Catholic university. She was able to establish Black Catholic schools in more than 13 states and more than 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states. Much of the cost for these schools and missions was personally funded through Katharine's fortune, and she gave an estimated total of over $20 million (approximately $500 million today). Katharine died on March 3, 1955, at the age of 96. She was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000. She is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists.

Writtten by Anna Njoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE MARCH 7TH & MARCH 8TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Roger Michna	Jude Lussier	Alex Uram
Josh Reszke	Angela Parrinello	Steve Uram
Need Volunteer	Christine Sullivan	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	Need Volunteer	Andy Winnie
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Wendy Winnie
LECTORS		
Patricia Gillay	Rebecca Lussier	Joe McKeone
Tom Moffit	Van Vandagriff	Theresa Urbanic
SACRISTAN		
Toni Esteva	Maralee Meyer	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS		
Damien Dahl	Henry Meyer	Adrian Anderson
Jordan Wells	Lawrence Okpala	Hank Kangas
Need Volunteer	Scott Wells	Tom Kangas

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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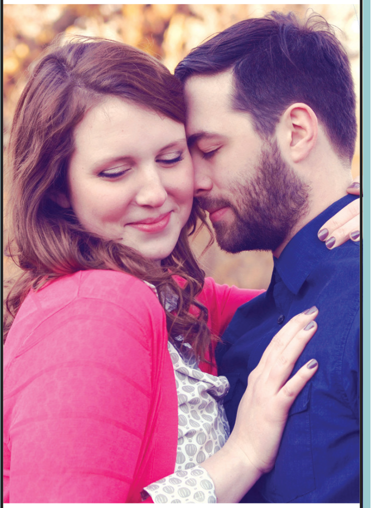
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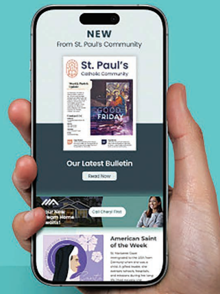
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